DATE: July 15, 2008

Judge: Lindberg Case No.: 08-CV-3958

Re: Chaf Enterprises, Inc. v. Chayanne.com, Ltd. et al

## Dear Counsel:

Mediation frequently aids in settling trademark disputes and other Lanham Act cases. For that reason, the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois established its voluntary mediation program in 1996 for Lanham Act cases. The program is Lanham Act case specific and draws on mediators who are specialists in such cases. Since its establishment, the Northern District mediation program has assisted many parties in resolving their disputes without expending the large amounts of time, effort and resources normally involved in full scale litigation.

You will find enclosed materials describing the Court's Lanham Act mediation program. They include a description of the program, the Local Rules and procedures governing it, and a current list of mediators that have been qualified by the Court to mediate Lanham Act disputes. The program has often delivered prompt and economical resolutions to disputes, and the Court strongly encourages you and your client to take advantage of it.

The docket indicates that you are appearing as counsel for one of the parties in this litigation. Pursuant to this Court's Rules and procedures, you are required to provide copies of this letter and all enclosures to each party you represent. If you represent a plaintiff, you also must provide copies of these papers to the attorney for each defendant. The attorney for each defendant then must provide these materials to each party that attorney represents. Within 20 days of the date of receipt of this letter, each attorney is required to file a Certificate with the Court stating that copies of these documents have been provided to the appropriate parties and attorneys.

The Rules also require that the parties file a Notice with the Court stating whether they will participate in the Court's Lanham Act mediation program. This Notice must be filed at the earlier of the first scheduling conference, or 90 days after this case was filed. The Judge to whom this case has been assigned has been notified that you have been sent this letter, and will expect you timely to file the Certificate and Notice.

The experience of the Court shows that the program provides tangible benefits to parties in resolving their disputes. Many lawyers and their clients have expressed satisfaction with the program, and many routinely encourage their clients to submit their disputes to mediation. We urge you and your client to proceed with mediation in this case. The best interests of your client would be served thereby.

Sincerely,

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